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AN OPERATING ARM OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT

ROGER MUDD (Substituting for Walter Cronkite): "President Johnson today ordered Acting Secretary of State Katzenbach to make a careful review of any government activities endangering the integrity and independence of American education. The President acted after disclosure that the country's largest student organization, the National Student Association, was partly financed for more than ten years by the Central Intelligence Agency.

"The Washington Star said today that three more student organizations also got CIA money. And the radical magazine Ramparts, which first broke the story about the CIA and the NSA, said today that the student association acted as a junior cloak and dagger outfit. In return, Ramparts said, the CIA supplied not only money, but got draft deferments for NSA members. The NSA denied that top officers got automatic deferments, saying two of its present leaders are 1-A.

"Kentucky's Congressman, Carl Perkins, indicated his Education and Labor Committee will investigate CIA involvement in education. And Minnesota's Democratic Senator, Eugene McCarthy, said he will ask the Senate to name a Select Committee to look into the CIA's involvement in domestic affairs. He expressed his concern this way --."

SENATOR MCCARTHY: "There has been, as you know, five or six indications of involvement of the Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency, in what I think are primarily domestic organizations and programs. The most recent being the National Student Association. I think it's role has been confused, become an operating arm -- certainly overseas -- an operating arm of the State Department overseas as we know, and it begins to appear as though it has also become an operating arm of the State Department also here at home."